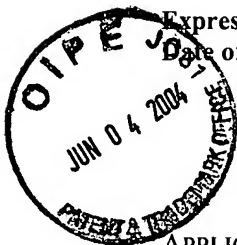


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment Under 37.C.F.R § 1.111 (11 pages);
2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Check No. 18786 in the amount of \$475.00; and
4. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.21402-230 (CURA-530). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.**

This paper is in response to the December 4, 2003 Office Action in connection with the above-referenced application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicant also submits concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, up to and including June 4, 2004, with the appropriate fee. Applicant also submits under separate cover: (1) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97; and (3) a copy of Reference C279. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-230 (Cura 530).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.